

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 – 14 (canceled).

a) a user fluid circuit connected to a mask;

b) a valve body comprising at least first, second, third, and fourth internal zones, wherein:

said first zone is connected to said user fluid circuit;

said second zone is connectable to a first pressurized fluid source;

said third zone is connectable to a second pressurized fluid source;

said fourth zone is connectable to a vent circuit; and

said first and said second pressurized fluid sources supply said user fluid circuit sequentially

c) at least four fluid passages, wherein each said fluid passage connects a corresponding one of said zones to an external fluid circuit, one of the external fluid circuit being said user fluid circuit; and

d) a mobile structure, wherein:

1) said mobile structure can be moved into at least four positions;

2) depending upon said movement of said mobile structure:

fluid communication is established between at least two of said zones;

at least two other of said zones are isolated from each other; and  
said first zone is selectively brought into communication with at least one other of said zone;

~~The apparatus of claim 13, wherein~~

- ~~3)a)~~ said mobile structure comprises a slide sliding on partition walls;  
and
- ~~4)b)~~ said partition walls define said zones.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:

- a) said apparatus has an internal layout which is symmetrical with respect to a center plane; and
- b) said center plane is substantially perpendicular to said mobile structure.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said first zone and said fourth zones are arranged:

- a) about said center plane; and
- b) on either side of said mobile structure.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a pair of intermediate chambers, wherein said intermediate chambers are in permanent communication with said first zone.

Claims 19-23 (canceled)